tax so imposed and charged on the above said property from a particular date by the M.C.D. etc?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority has reported that award for acquiring about one acre of land between Avantika and Village Mangolpur bearing Khasra No. 162, 163 and 368/2 was announced in 1977. However, the possession of the land has not so far been given to it as it consists of built up area.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur

2782. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists and other staff of the National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur, have levelled some charges of discrimination against their Director;

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted any enquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and what action Government propost to take against the said Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

2783. [*Transferred to the 6th September*, 1990].

Increase in the prices of essential commodities

2784. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that despite Government's efforts, the prices of essential commodities are continuing to rise upward;

(b) whether it is a fact that official wholesale price index for all commodities (Base 1981-82) increased during the week ended August 14th, 1990;

(c) the details of the increase in price index during the last three weeks, week-wise; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to check the rising trend in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) There are a number of reasons for continuance of price rise including in case of some of the essential commodities. The main reasons for price rise are sharp increase in money supply during 1989-90 and earlier years, rising consumer demand and demand and supply gap (e.g. in case of essential items like pulses and edible oils). Besides, seasonal factors, increase in procurement and issue prices of some of the agricultural commodities, rise in transport cost in the wake of hike in administered prices of petrol and diesl, and increase in railway freights have contributed to inflationary trends and rise in prices.

(b) The official Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities (Base: 1981-82 = 100) is available for the week ending 11-8-90 which has risen by 0.2 per cent over the preceding week.

(c) A statement showing the week-wise percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected commodities during the last three weeks (as on 28-7-90, 4-8-90 and 11.8.90) is given in Annexure. (*See* Below)

(d) Both long term and short term measures are being taken for the purpose. Apart from the measures on the broad macro-economic front such as efforts to reduce growth in money supply and fiscal discipline, specific measures have been taken by the Government in respect of particular essential commodities under pressure such as edible oils, pulses, tea, sugar and cement etc. The main elements of the strategy broadly include steps to increase the production of essential commodities, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System, monitoring of the prices and availability situation, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g. edible oils) wherever necessary subject to overall constraints of foreign exchange.

Statement

Weekly percentage variation in the wholesale price indices of selected commodities during the last three weeks ending 11-8-1990.

Commodity/Group	Percentage variation		
	28-7-90	4-8-90	11-8-90
	21-7-90	28-7-90	4-8-90
1	2	3	4
I. *PRIMARY ARTICLES*	0.3	0.1	+0.4
(a) *Cereals*	+0.4	Steady	+0.1
Rice	+0.3	+0.5	+0.6
Wheat	+0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Jowar	+1.5	-3.9	-1.9
Bajra	+2.2	+0.6	-1.2
(b) *Pulses*	-0.5	-0.2	-1.0
Gram	-1.5	+0.2	-0.9
Arhar	+0.4	+1.2	-0.7
Moong	-0.1	-0.6	-2.1
Masoor	Steady	-2.6	-2.4
Urad	-0.3	-2.2	+0.1

1	2	3	4
(c) *Vegetables*	−1.7	−3.5	+0.4
Potatoes	−0.7	−0.5	−1.0
Onions	+0.3	+0.6	+3.0
II. *FUEL, POWER, LIGHT AND LUBRICANT*	Steady	Steady	Steady
Petrol	Steady	Steady	Steady
Kerosene	Steady	Steady	Steady
III. *MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS*	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1
(a) *Sugar, Khandsari and Gur*	+0.6	+0.1	−0.4
Sugar	+0.3	0.3	0.4
Gur	+0.7	+0.1	−0.3
(b) *Edible oils*	+0.7	Steady	+0.3
Groundnut Oil	+1.7	0.4	+1.1
Mustard Oil	0.6	+1.6	+0.4
Gingelly Oil	+0.6	Steady	−0.1
Vanaspati	Steady	+0.4	Steady
(c) *Other items*			
Atta	+2.1	Steady	Steady
Chillies	+0.8	1.5	+0.6
Tea	−3.5	−1.5	−2.0
Salt	+1.3	+0.9	Steady
Laundry Soap	Steady	+1.2	Steady
Toilet Soap	Steady	Steady	Steady
Cement	+1.7	+1.2	+1.1
Gls. Lamps	Steady	Steady	+2.6
ALL COMMODITIES	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा बारी से पहले फ्लैटों तथा दुकानों का आवंटन

2785. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी, 1990 से 31 जुलाई, 1990 तक की अवधि के दौरान दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा कितने व्यक्तियों को बारी से पहले फ्लैटों तथा दुकानों का आवंटन किया गया है और उन्हें बारी से पहले आवंटन किये जाने के कारणों सहित उन व्यक्तियों के नाम और पते क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या अध्यक्ष, दिल्ली विकास प्रगधिकरण को श्री एम० जी० गुप्ता, सदस्य (वित्त), दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के विरुद्ध